Date:

4/24/201

Agency Information

AGENCY: **FBI**

RECORD NUMBER:

124-90031-10015

RECORD SERIES: HQ

AGENCY FILE NUMBER: CR 62-38824-972 eleased under the John

. Kennedy

Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (44 USC 2107 Note). Case#:NW 45759 Date:

11-17-2017

Document Information

ORIGINATOR: FBI

> FROM: MM

> > TO: HQ

TITLE:

03/19/1963 DATE:

PAGES: 173

SUBJECTS:

CRIME CONDITIONS IN GREATER MIAMI FLORIDA

CRIME CONDITIONS MM

DOCUMENT TYPE: PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT

CLASSIFICATION: Unclassified **RESTRICTIONS:** 4; 10(a)2

CURRENT STATUS: Redact 05/18/1998

DATE OF LAST REVIEW:

OPENING CRITERIA: **INDEFINITE**

> COMMENTS: RPT, TABLES OF CONTENTS PAGE i-ii, INDEX PAGE 135-145

- INFORMANTS -

JFK Act 6 (4)

MM T-1 is former PCI

MM T-2 is GEORGE WACKENHUT, former Bureau Agent (by request).

MM T-3 is Captain C. W. HUDDLESTON (NA), Miami Beach, Florida Police Department (request as to this information).

MM T-4 is MARTIN DARDIS, former Chief of Police, North Bay Village, Florida Police Department, now Chief Investigator, Florida Attorney General's Office (request).

MM T-5 is EARL VENNO, PCI.

MM T-6 is NY 1894-PC.

MM T-7 is MONTGOMERY E. MANNING, motorcycle officer, Miami Beach Police Department (by request).

MM T-8 is SAM KAY (by request).

MM T-9 is MM 603-C.

MM T-10 is MM 661-C.

MM T-11 is GEORGE V. BLAINE, PCI.

MM T-12 is MM 509-C.

MM T-13 is MM 673-C.

MM T-14 is MM 665-C.

MM T-15 is MM 822-C.

MM T-16 is MM 743-C.

- B

MM T-17 is MM 675-C.

MM T-18 is LOU SACCAROMA, PCI.

MM T-19 is MM 440-C.

MM T-20 is MM 609-C.

MM T-21 is WILLIAM S. KENNEY, Departmental Attorney, Miami, Florida.

MM T-22 is NATHANIEL J. KLEIN, attorney, 407 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida (request).

 $\,$ MM T-23 is ALEX S. GORDON, attorney and Dade County Commissioner (request).

MM T-24 is MM 606-PCI.

MM T-25 is MM 788-C*.

MM T-26 is MM 698-C.

MM T-27 is MM 799-C*.

MM T-28 is MM 676-C.

MM T-29 is NY 3368-C-TE.

MM T-30 is MM 794-C*.

MM T-31 is MM 342-C.

MM T-32 is MM 725-C.

MM T 33 is AL FINKLESTEIN, reporter, "Miami Herald" newspaper (by request).

MM T-34 is MM 819-C*.

- C -

♥ ₁₀	MM T-35	is		PCI.	
<i>:</i>	MM T-36	is		,	PCI.
	MM T-37	is		PCI.	
	MM T-38	is			PCI. JFK Act 6 (4)
•	MM T-39	is	MM 855-PC	I.	
	MM T-40	is	PG 509-C.		
	MM T-41	is	MM 806-C.		
	MM T-42	is	MM 818-C*	•	
	MM T-43	is	MM 845-C*	•	
	MM T-44	is			PCI. ///
	MM T-45	is	мм 656-с.		
	MM T-46	is	JAMES CAR	IOTA, P	PCI. ///
	MM T-47	is			PCI.
MM T-48 is BEN SLUTSKY, owner, Nevele Hotel, Ellenville, New York.					
	MM T-49	is	PH 623-C*	•	
	MM T-50	is	MM 837-C*	•	
	MM T-51	is		/	PCI.
MM T-52 is Lt. JOHN THOMPSON, New York City Police Department.					
	MM T-53	is		P	PCI.
			- 1) -	

COVER PAGE

NW 45759 DocId:32324756 Page 4

MM T-54 is JOSEPH VALACHI, PCI.

MM T-55 is MM 730-C.

MM T-56 is MM 830-C.

MM T-57 is NY 202-C.

MM T-58 is NY 842-C.

MM T-59 is BS 812-C.

MM T-60 is MM 836-PCI.

MM T-61 is LV 69-C*.

MM T-62 is PCI.

MM T-63 is MM 833-PCI.

MM T-64 is NY 3864-PCI.

JFK Act 6 (4)

MM T-65 is NY 3682-C.

MM T-66 is MM 764-PCI.

MM T-67 is former CG 6272-C.

MM T-68 is EDWARD HILKER, Internal Revenue Service, Miami, Florida.

MM T-69 is HERBERT GELTZER (by request).

MM T-70 is KENNETH CANNON, Chief Intelligence Agent, Internal Revenue Service, Toledo, Ohio.

MM T-71 is PCI.

- E -

MM T-72 is MM 844-C.

MM T-73 is MM 654-PCI.

- F* -

and police officials who reportedly accepted payoffs, gratuities or favors set out. Teamsters Pension Fund loans made to finance certain Miami Beach construction. Past efforts to create a new county of the Miami Beach area viewed in some quarters as a move toward legalized gambling. A Federal Grand Jury is presently hearing evidence concerning

JFK Law 10(a)2

- P* -

DETAILS:

MM 92-1013 RFF: j11

Re: FRANK DIOGUARDI, aka Frank Dio

FRANK DIOGUARDI, was born on December 13,1917, at New York City, and resides with his wife and family at 1021 Northeast 162nd Street, North Miami Beach, Florida.

DIOGUARDI has FBI Number 863979, and was convicted in 1954 for violation of U. S. Federal Liquor Laws and in 1957 was convicted for violation of the Theft From Interstate Shipment Statute. In 1960, DIOGUARDI was reported connected with JOSEPH INDELICATO; in 1961 he was reported connected with STEVE ARMONE, now deceased; and in 1962 was reported associated with ANTHONY RICCI in shylock operations.

DIOGUARDI owns and operates Angelo's Restaurant in Dade County, Florida, and according to MM T-46 on January 24, 1963, DIOGUARDI allegedly found out that his partners, ANTHONY RICCI and JULIUS KAPLAN, were stealing from the Casa Maria Restaurant, which the three operated, and DIOGUARDI bought out the interest of RICCI and KAPLAN.

JOHNSON, Departmental Attorney, Miami, was called before the U. S. Grand Jury at Miami, Florida, which was hearing evidence in the case involving

reportedly took the Fifth Amendment and after

-44-

being taken before the U. S. District Judge in Miami,

MM 92-1013 CDG: jkj

Herestrey HERSHIE

HERSHIE LAFF, 524 - 94th Street, Surfside, Florida, a white male, about 56 years of age, was, according to MARTIN DARDIS, Chief Investigator, Florida . Attorney General's Office, Miami, Florida, arrested in Chicago, Illinois, in 1943 for bookmaking and in 1951 the States Attorney's Office, Cook County, Chicago, raided a wire room and found 32 telephones listed to LAFF and a Chicago associate, MICHAEL GREENBERG. He stated that _____ was one of eleven persons from the Chicago area subpoenaed to testify on

before an Indiana Federal Grand Jury investigating

MM T-66 advised that LAFF had a big horse book in Chicago, but that in the Miami area is considered a medium size bookmaker, doing some lay-off business in Chicago.

On November 18, 1961, LAFF was arrested by Internal Revenue Service Agents while leaving a North Miami, Florida, apartment where he allegedly handled \$100,000.00 daily in lay-off action and was charged with the Failure to Possess a Federal Wagering Tax Stamp, but on July 25, 1962, the United States District Court at Miami acquitted LAFF of this charge.

MM T-67advised that since his arrest by Internal Revenue Service, LAFF has been extremely careful not to accept any bets from outside the State of Florida so as to insure that he is not susceptible to prosecution by the Federal Government. He stated that LAFF is probably continuing bookmaking activities, but will not take bets from out of the State and will not make telephone calls outside of Florida.

MM T-68 advised that recently LAFF has been spending all of his afternoons playing cards at the Normandy Isle Golf Course, Miami Beach, Florida.

MM 92-1013 BOC/gtj

Investigation reflects that members of the Florida Window Cleaners and Maintenance Association have contractors cleaning windows at numerous hotels, motels and other business establishments in the Miami Beach area.

At the present time a Federal Grand Jury in Miami is hearing evidence in regard to

JFK Law 10(a)2